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For the Period May 17 to 23, 2011

Fifty-four per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report. The five year (2006-2010) average for this time of year is approximately 72 per cent seeded.

Significant seeding progress was made in western and northern regions during the past week. Producers in the eastern and southern regions were able to get into the fields for a few days; however, recent rainfall has challenged seeding operations in some areas.

The southeast is reporting 24 per cent seeded, the southwest 55 per cent, the east-central 43 per cent, the west-central 74 per cent, the northeast 62 per cent and the northwest 79 per cent.

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 34 per cent surplus, 61 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 30 per cent surplus, 63 per cent adequate and seven per cent short.

Livestock water availability is adequate and pasture conditions are rated as 34 per cent excellent, 50 per cent good, 14 per cent fair and two per cent poor.

Farmers are busy seeding, calving, hauling cattle to pasture and controlling weeds.

One year ago
Fifty-five per cent of the 2010 crop had been seeded. Crops were emerging. Most of the crop damage was due to flooding.

Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded

All Crops

May 23/11	54
5 year avg. (2006-2010)	72
May 24/10	55
May 25/09	79
May 25/08	86
May 27/07	75
May 21/06	64

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Many producers in the region were able to get back to seeding for a few days. Rain late in the week has now put a hold on seeding operations once again. Twenty-four per cent of the 2011 crop is in the ground; however, depending on the area, seeding progress ranges from zero to 75 per cent complete. Crop districts (CD) 2B and 3ASE are the most advanced in the region, with 47 and 33 per cent seeded. CDs 1A has nine per cent seeded, CD 1B six per cent and CD 2A has 19 per cent seeded. Those producers who are able to get into the fields are having a difficult time getting through the fields without getting stuck. Crop reporters are predicting there will be significant acres not seeded this year.

Southeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% seeded (May 23, 2011)
1A	9
1B	6
2A	19
2B	47
3ASE	33
region average	24
five-year average (2006-2010)	76

Rainfall in the region ranged from 9 to 55 mm. The precipitation came down very hard over a short time in some areas, causing localized flooding. Some areas have received 206 mm of precipitation since April 1. The Frobisher area reported 40 mm, the Kisbey area 9 mm, the Maryfield area 55 mm, the Grenfell area 26 mm, the Pangman area 47 mm, the Weyburn area 32 mm, the Moose Jaw area 24 mm, the Odessa area 17 mm and the Radville area 50 mm.

Although some producers were able to start seeding this past week due a break in the rain, the majority continue to be delayed. Access to fields is a major issue as roads are washed out, flooded or very soft. Crop reporters have indicated a few farmers are trying alternative seeding methods such as broadcast and harrow. Some have started to think about changing seeding intentions. It is mostly canola and wheat that have been seeded. Earlier seeded crops are starting to emerge.

Farm yards, corrals, pasture and hay land are flooded, partially flooded and/or very soft, making it difficult to feed cattle and maneuver equipment. Many cattle producers are still feeding cattle as road access to pasture is limited and pastures are just starting to grow.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are 71 per cent surplus and 29 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture is rated as 66 per cent surplus and 34 per cent adequate.

Pasture conditions are reported as 42 per cent excellent, 40 per cent good, 16 per cent fair and two per cent poor.

Farmers are busy seeding, calving and hauling cattle to pasture. Producers are hoping for clear skies and good drying weather.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Producers in the southwest made significant seeding progress this past week, with 55 per cent of the 2011 crop seeded. Seeding progress varies across the region from 10 to 90 per cent seeded.

Early seeded crops are starting to emerge. Moisture conditions vary from field to field. Some areas have good seeding conditions, while other areas are still too wet, and others could use a little rain. Seeding has been disrupted by significant rainfall in most areas of the region. Due to the rain, some producers have been out of the field for five or six days. The southwestern corner of the region received a downpour of over 112 mm of rain on Sunday and Monday. Other areas in the south received significant rainfall as well, much of it falling over a short period of time. The Big Beaver area received 83 mm, the Glentworth area 47 mm, the Limerick area 70 mm, the Chaplin area 36 mm, the Mankota area 62 mm, the Blumenhof area 21 mm, the Lucky Lake area 18 mm, the Consul area 112 mm, the Gull Lake area 37 mm and the Maple Creek area 25 mm.

Southwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 23, 2011)
3ASW	35
3AN	54
3BS	42
3BN	76
4A	37
4B	67
region average	55
five-year average (2006- 2010)	82

Access to fields is difficult due to impassable roads in some areas. Crops are starting to emerge.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 45 per cent surplus and 55 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 32 per cent surplus, 67 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Crop damage is due mostly to flooding. There are some reports of wireworm and cutworm damage. There are reports of producers thinking of changing seeding plans. Fall rye and winter wheat crops are looking good.

Livestock water availability is adequate. Pasture conditions are rated as 45 per cent excellent, 51 per cent good and four per cent fair.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, calving and hauling cattle to pasture. Producers are hoping for clear skies and good drying weather.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Producers in the east-central region made significant seeding progress in areas, especially at the beginning of the week, and now have 43 per cent of the 2011 crop in the ground. Seeding progress in the region ranges from zero to 90 per cent complete. CD 6A is the furthest ahead in seeding. Fields are wet in this region but are, for the most part, able to support machinery. In CDs 5A and 5B, fields are still very wet and unable to support seeding equipment in some areas. Rain showers rolled through much of the region, delaying field operations. The Ituna area received trace amounts of rain, the Langenburg area received 18 mm, the Kelliher area 7 mm, the Rama area 10 mm, the Kelvington area 2 mm, the Imperial area 28 mm, the Humboldt area 3 mm, the Perdue area 24 mm and the Hanley area 1 mm. Crops are emerging.

East-Central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 23, 2011)
5A	28
5B	39
6A	60
region average	43
five-year average (2006- 2010)	60

Some producers are looking at alternative seeding methods such as broadcast and harrow. Flooding in areas has damaged roads and culverts. Field access is an issue in some areas on the eastern side of the region due to washed out or flooded roads. In some areas, a significant number of acres of land is not expected to be seeded this year.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 32 per cent surplus, 66 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 26 per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Many pastures and fields are flooded or inaccessible due to washed out roads. The RMs are busy trying to fix roads.

Livestock water availability is adequate. Pasture conditions are rated as 29 per cent excellent, 37 per cent adequate, 26 per cent fair, seven per cent poor and one per cent very poor. The majority of crop damage is due to flooding. Weed growth is heavy, as many producers could not get onto the land for pre-seeding weed control. The winter wheat crops are looking good.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, calving and hauling cattle to pasture.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Producers in the region made significant seeding progress and now have 74 per cent of the crop in the ground. Seeding progress in the region ranges from 50 to 95 per cent complete. Many producers are hoping to finish seeding by the end of the week, if the weather cooperates. Most of the region received rain showers, ranging in amount from nil to 24 mm. The Conquest area reported 9 mm, the Herschel area 20 mm, the Smiley area 3 mm, the Biggar area 17 mm and the Kerrobert area 8 mm. Many roads are soft. Peas, lentils, canola and wheat are emerging and are in good condition. Access to some fields is still restricted due to impassable roads. Fields are still wet; however, some areas could use rain to replenish the topsoil, especially on the lighter textured land.

West-Central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 23, 2011)
6B	64
7A	78
7B	82
Region average	74
five-year average (2006- 2010)	79

Topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 11 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as six per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short.

Ninety-seven per cent of livestock producers are indicating they have adequate water supplies for their livestock, while three per cent are short of water for their animals. Pasture conditions are rated as 32 per cent excellent, 59 per cent good and nine per cent fair. Frost was reported in some areas, although it is too early to tell if there will be any significant damage.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, rolling pulses, calving and hauling cattle to pasture.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Seeding is in full swing in the northeast. Excellent seeding progress was made as very little rain fell this week. Across the region, 62 per cent of the 2011 crop is in the ground, although that ranges from 40 to 90 per cent complete, depending on the area. Fields are still very soft and many producers are getting stuck. Field access is also a concern as roads are flooded or very soft in some areas. Some pastures are flooded or inaccessible. Crops are emerging and are in good condition.

Rainfall in the region ranged from nil to 8 mm last

Northeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 23, 2011)
8A	62
8B	60
9AE	70
Region average	62
five-year average (2006- 2010)	59

week. The Tisdale area received 4 mm, the Nipawin area 2 mm, the Humboldt area 8 mm, the Bruno area 7 mm. The Porcupine Plain, Codette, Alvena, Kinistino, Garrick and Prince Albert area recorded no rain for the week.

Topsoil moisture on cropland, hay land and pasture is rated as 14 per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Frost was reported, with temperatures dipping to -5C in some areas. The majority of crops have yet to emerge, and it is too soon to tell if the frost caused significant damage to crops that are up.

Livestock have adequate water supplies. Pasture conditions are rated as 20 per cent excellent, 54 per cent good, 23 per cent fair and three per cent poor.

Farmers are seeding, controlling weeds, calving and taking cattle to pasture.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Very little rain last week allowed producers to continue with seeding operations. Producers in the region made significant progress over last week and now have 79 per cent of the 2011 crop seeded. Some producers are expected to finish seeding by the weekend. Field access is a challenge, as roads are soft and impassable in some areas. Crops are emerging in good condition.

Northwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 23, 2011)
9AW	76
9B	81
Region average	79
five-year average (2006- 2010)	72

Last week's precipitation ranged from nil to 9 mm.

The Radisson area received 9 mm, the North Battleford and Turtleford areas 3 mm and the Frenchman Butte area 6 mm. In some areas, a rain is needed to help the emerging crops and pasture and hay land.

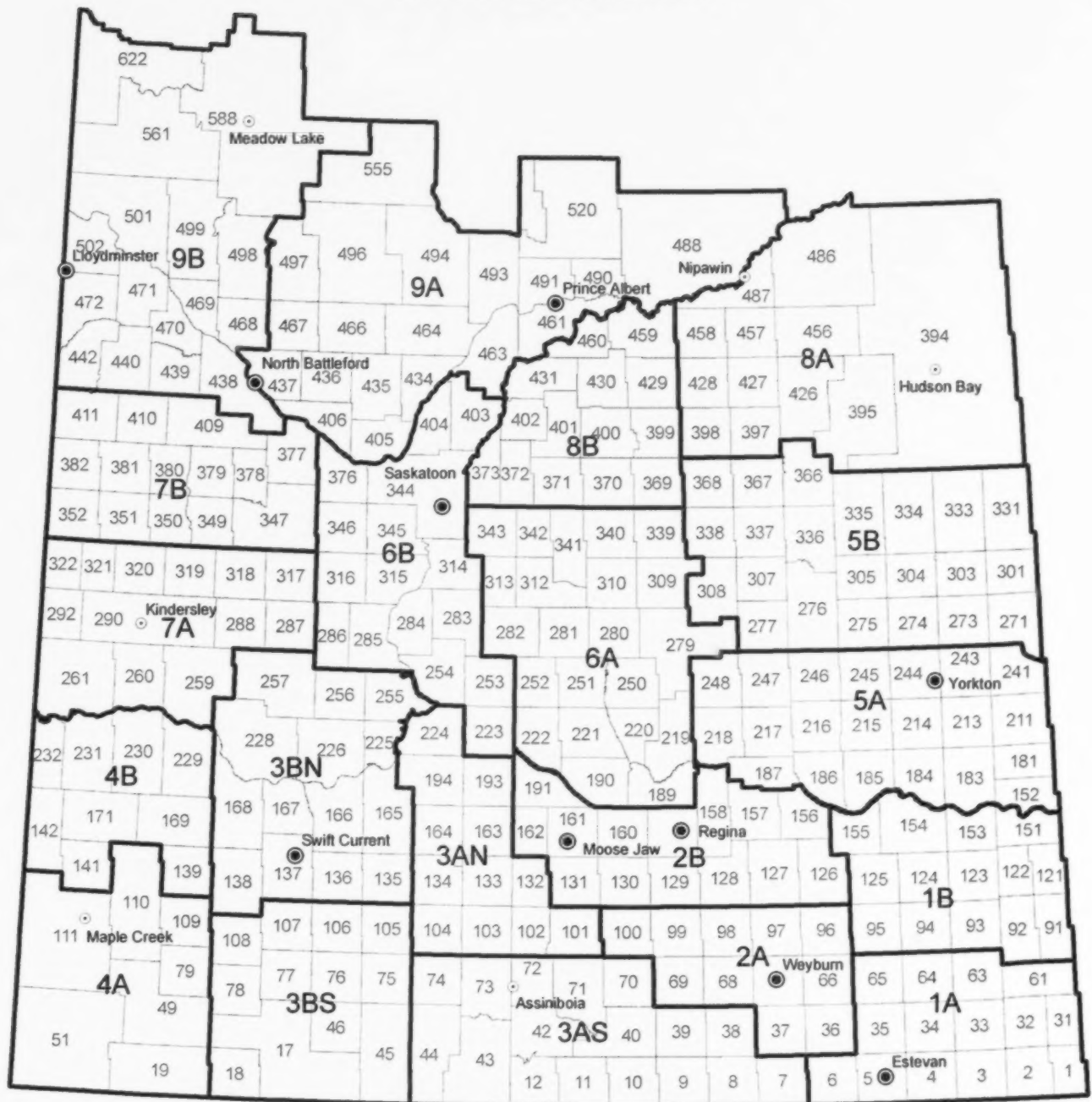
Cropland top soil moisture is reported as three per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate, 23 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 68 per cent adequate, 30 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Frost was reported, with temperatures dipping to -4C in some areas. It is too soon to tell if it caused significant damage to crops that are up. Flea beetle damage was reported in some areas.

Pasture conditions are rated as 15 per cent excellent, 66 per cent good, 15 per cent fair and four per cent poor. Pastures have been slow to green up, and many livestock producers are still feeding in the yard. All producers are indicating adequate water supplies for their livestock.

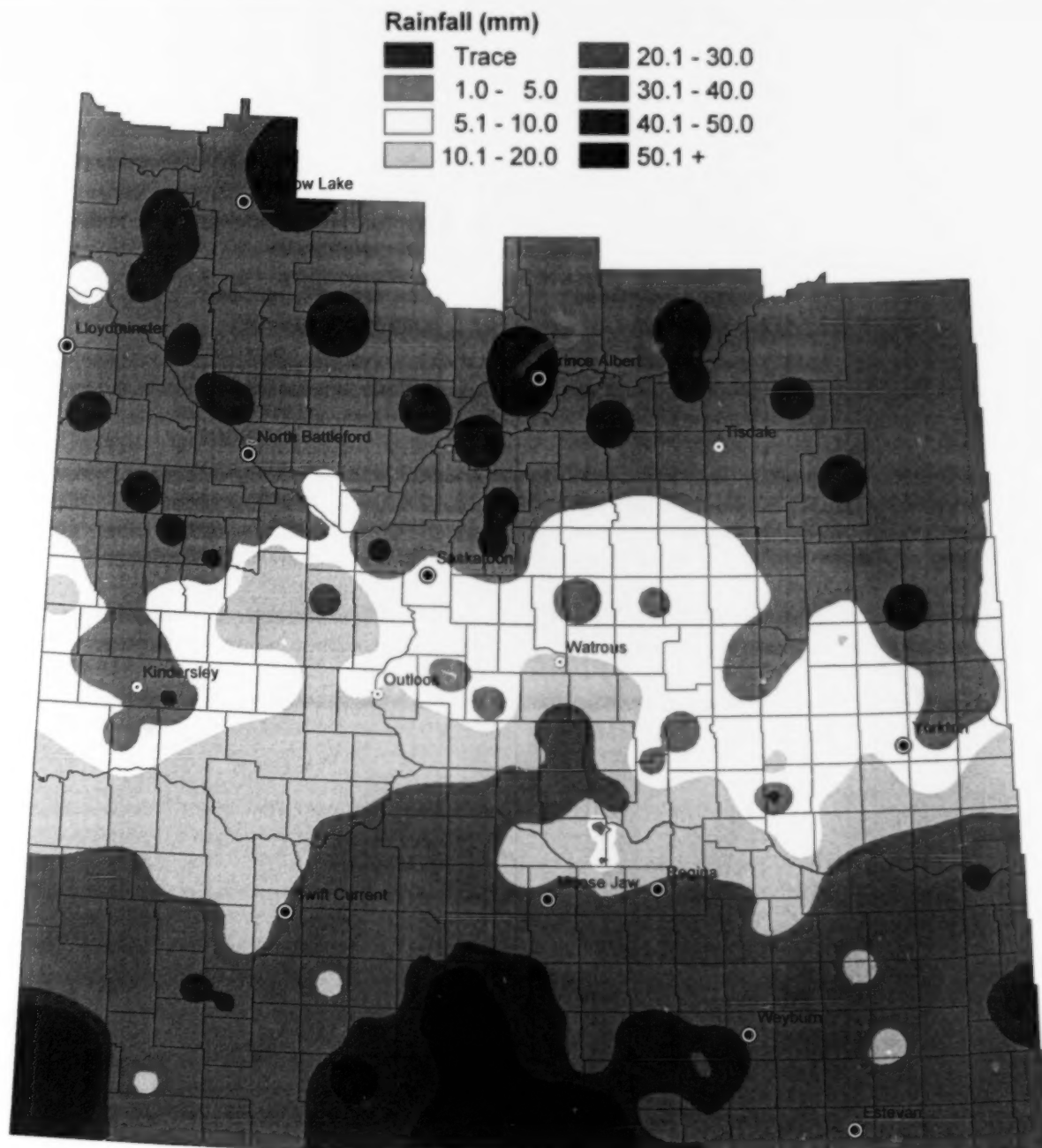
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending May 23, 2011



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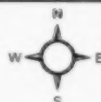


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IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 17 to 23, 2011

Crop Dist.	R.M. Past No.	Name	Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. Past No.	Name	Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. Past No.	Name	Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	35	72	4A	49	White Valley	15	88	7B	347 A	Bigger	17	31
	2	Mount Pleasant	31	134		49 A	White Valley	33.5	82		347 B	Bigger	N/A	3
	3	Enniskillen	40	140		51	Reno	112.2	154		350 A	Manosca	1	6
	33	Moose Creek	37	133		78	Arlington	40	74		350 B	Manosca	8	34
	34	Browning	30	158		109	Carmichael	44	121		351	Progress	2	17
	61	Antler	N/A	71		110	Papot	25	47		352	Heart's Hill	12	27
	63	Moose Mountain	35	134		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		377	Glenside	2.5	15
	64	Brock	9	125	4B	139	Gull Lake	37	71		378 A	Rosemount	12	33
	65	Tecumseh	30	144		141	Big Stick	26	66		378 B	Rosemount	1	17
1B	91	Maryfield	55	140		142	Enterprise	N/A	43		379	Reford	NIL	20
	92	Walpole	N/A	142		169	Pittville	10	38		386	Tramping Lake	NIL	10
	95	Golden West	18	154		171	Fox Valley	23	31		409 A	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	122	Martin	37	202		229	Mary Creek	N/A	N/A		409 B	Buffalo	1	12
	123	Silverwood	25	146		231	Happyland	11	24		410	Round Valley	N/A	24
	124 A	Kingsley	26	154	5A	183	Fertile Belt	23.5	174		411	Senlac	N/A	15
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	N/A		186	Abermethy	6	42		395	Porcupine	NIL	17
	125	Chester	N/A	66		211	Churchbridge	18	109	6A	397	Barner Valley	3.7	33
	151 A	Rocanville	43	206		213	Saltcoats	6	85		428	Star City	2	20
	151 B	Rocanville	36	147		216	Tullymet	NIL	15		456	Arborefield	NIL	26
	153	Willowdale	29	163		217	Lipton	N/A	87		457	Connaught	4	32
	154	Elkapa	27	133		241	Calder	N/A	3		458	Willow Creek	NIL	24
	155	Walsley	26	122		243	Wallace	3	48		486	Moose Range	5	30
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	106		245 A	Garry	N/A	30		487	Nipawin	2	24
	67	Weyburn	N/A	108		245 B	Garry	7	33	6B	369	St. Peter	8	15
	68	Brokenhead	47	170		246	Rune Bon Accord	12	14		370	Humboldt	5	12
	69	Horton	47	123		247	Kellross	7	34		371 A	Bayne	7	21
	97	Wellington	32	107		248	Touchwood	2	17		371 B	Bayne	N/A	N/A
2B	127 A	Francis	17	82	5B	271	Cote	1	55		372	Grant	NIL	22
	127 B	Francis	22.8	50		276	Foam Lake	N/A	42		402	Fish Creek	NIL	22
	129	Bratt's Lake	30	76		277	Emerald	2	33		429	Flett's Springs	1	28
	156	Indian Head	14	63		305	Invermay	10.2	35		430	Invergordon	N/A	N/A
	160 A	Pense	24	42		307	Elfron	3	37		431	St. Louis	N/A	N/A
	160 B	Pense	19	48		308	Big Quill	N/A	2		459	Kinstino	NIL	32
	161	Moose Jaw	24	38		333 A	Clayton	N/A	NIL	6A	460	Birch Hills	N/A	18
	191	Marquis	11	19		333 B	Clayton	NIL	16		461	Prince Albert	0.5	29
3ASE	7	Souris Valley	N/A	N/A		334	Prescarville	NIL	14	SAE	488 A	Torch River	NIL	3
	38 A	Launer	35	127		335	Hazel Dell	3	27		488 B	Torch River	N/A	NIL
	38 B	Launer	46	121		336	Sasman	3	28		491	Buckland	NIL	41
	39 A	The Gap	31	105		337	Lakeview	8	32	SAW	406	Mayfield	9	13
	39 B	The Gap	50	157		338	Lakeside	8	15		435	Redberry	4	8
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	83	170		366	Kelvington	2	26		436	Douglas	N/A	8
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	N/A	6A	189	Lumsden	N/A	31		463	Duck Lake	NIL	22
	12	Poplar Valley	66	92		190 A	Duffern	2	20		464	Leak	NIL	17
	40	Bengough	57	161		190 B	Duffern	18	30		467 A	Round Hill	3	19
	42	Willow Bunch	57	101		190 C	Duffern	3	19		467 B	Round Hill	1	24
	43	Old Post	65	100		190 D	Duffern	N/A	N/A		494	Canwood	N/A	40
	44	Waverley	47	72		219	Longlakeston	3	13		496	Spiritwood	NIL	40
	70	Key West	31	99		220	McLulloch	26	36		497	Medstead	N/A	22
	71	Excel	48	82		221	Samia	37.7	46	6B	438	Battle River	4	17
	73 A	Stonehenge	64	64		222	Craik	21	40		440	Hillsdale	2	15
	73 B	Stonehenge	70	115		251	Big Arm	28.1	36		442	Manitou Lake	0.3	14
	74	Wood River	48.2	89		252	Arm River	17	30		468 A	Meota	NIL	12
3AN	101	Terrill	38	84		279	Mount Hope	N/A	8		468 B	Meota	N/A	8
	102	Lake Johnston	46.9	85		280	Wireford	N/A	2		468 C	Meota	0.1	20
	103	Sutton	65	102		282	McCraney	2	15		498 A	Parkdale	2	15
	133	Rodgers	N/A	N/A		309	Prairie Rose	9	18		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	4
	134	Shamrock	39	39		313	Lost River	N/A	13		499	Mervin	NIL	21
	164	Chaplin	35.5	68		339	Leroy	3.8	15		501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	32
	193 A	Eyebrow	27	52		340	Wolverine	3	6		501 B	Frenchman Butte	3	18
	193 B	Eyebrow	20	42		341	Viscount	N/A	N/A		501 C	Frenchman Butte	6	33
	194	Enfield	22	35		343	Blucher	5.5	20		561	Loon Lake	NIL	12
3BS	17	Val Marie	43	109	6B	283	Rosedale	1	7		588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	13
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	36		284	Rudy	N/A	8		588 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	19
	45	Manitota	62	100		285	Fertile Valley	9	30		588 C	Meadow Lake	2	15
	75 A	Pinto Creek	47	88		286	Milden	N/A	45		588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	NIL
	75 B	Pinto Creek	48	60		314	Dundum	8	22		622	Beaver River	N/A	22
	76 A	Auvergne	25	55		344	Corman Park	NIL	10					
	76 B	Auvergne	26	56		346	Perdue	24	35					
	77	Wise Creek	28	97		376 A	Eagle Creek	N/A	14					
	78 A	Grassy Creek	30	100		376 B	Eagle Creek	3	16					
	78 B	Grassy Creek	38	103		403	Rosthern	N/A	19					
	78 C	Grassy Creek	40	90	7A	260 A	Newcombe	10	30					
	105	Glenbairn	34	72		260 B	Newcombe	3.8	20					
	106	Whiska Creek	16	74		261	Chesterfield	5	23					
	107	Lac Pelletier	21	63		287	St. Andrews	6	19					
	108	Bone Creek	42	141		288	Pleasant Valley	6	10					
3BN	138	Webb	13	70		290 A	Kindersley	0.18	16					
	166	Excelsior	28	52		290 B	Kindersley	5.1	23					
	167	Sask. Landing	16.4	48		292	Milton	N/A	4					
	168	Riverside	10	55		317 A	Marmot	N/A	15					
	226	Victory	18	44		317 B	Marmot	N/A	15					
	228	Lacadena	13.5	22		318 A	Mountain View	N/A	N/A					
	255	Coteau	N/A	N/A		318 B	Mountain View	20	30					
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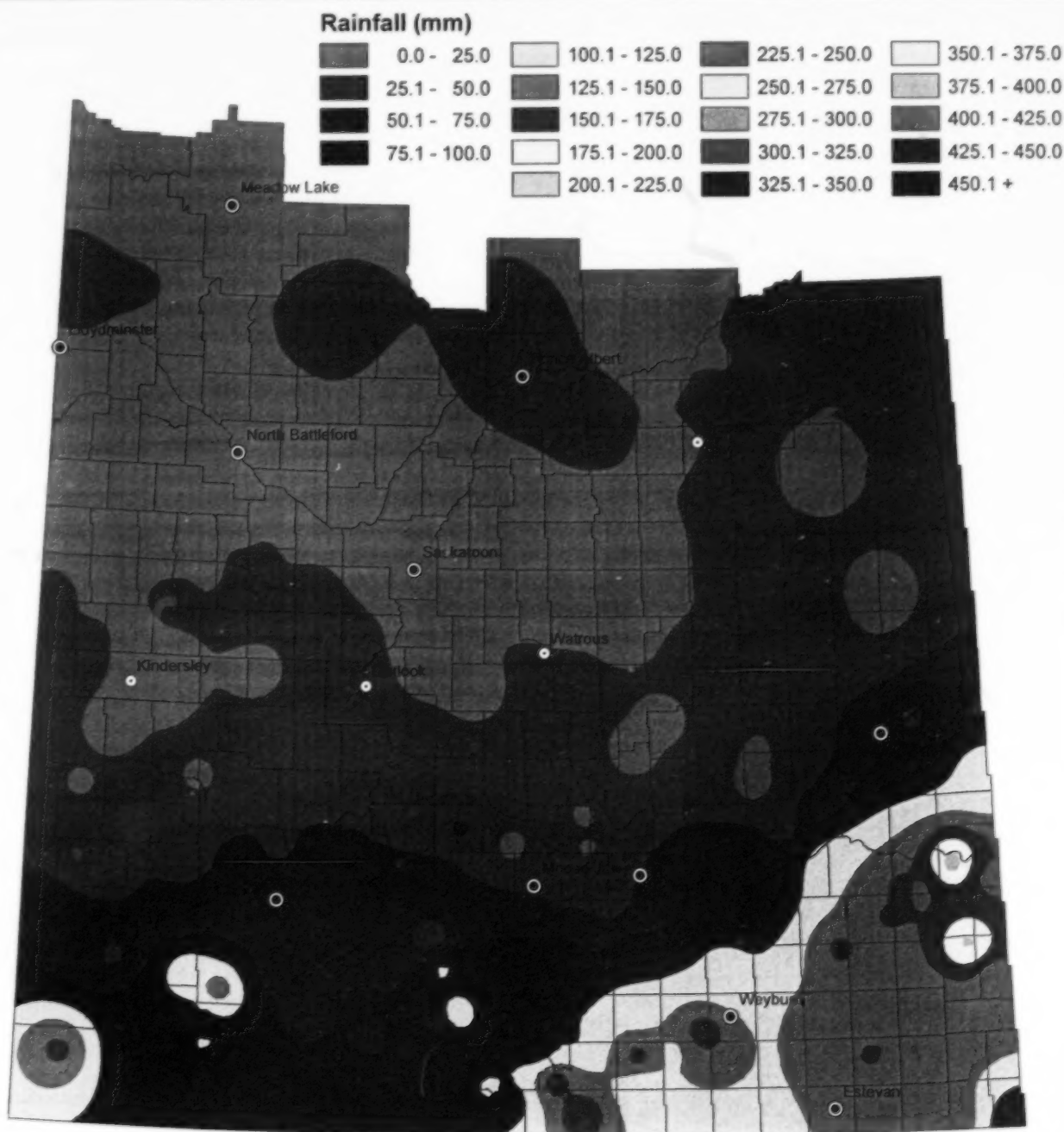
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Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2011

To: May 23, 2011



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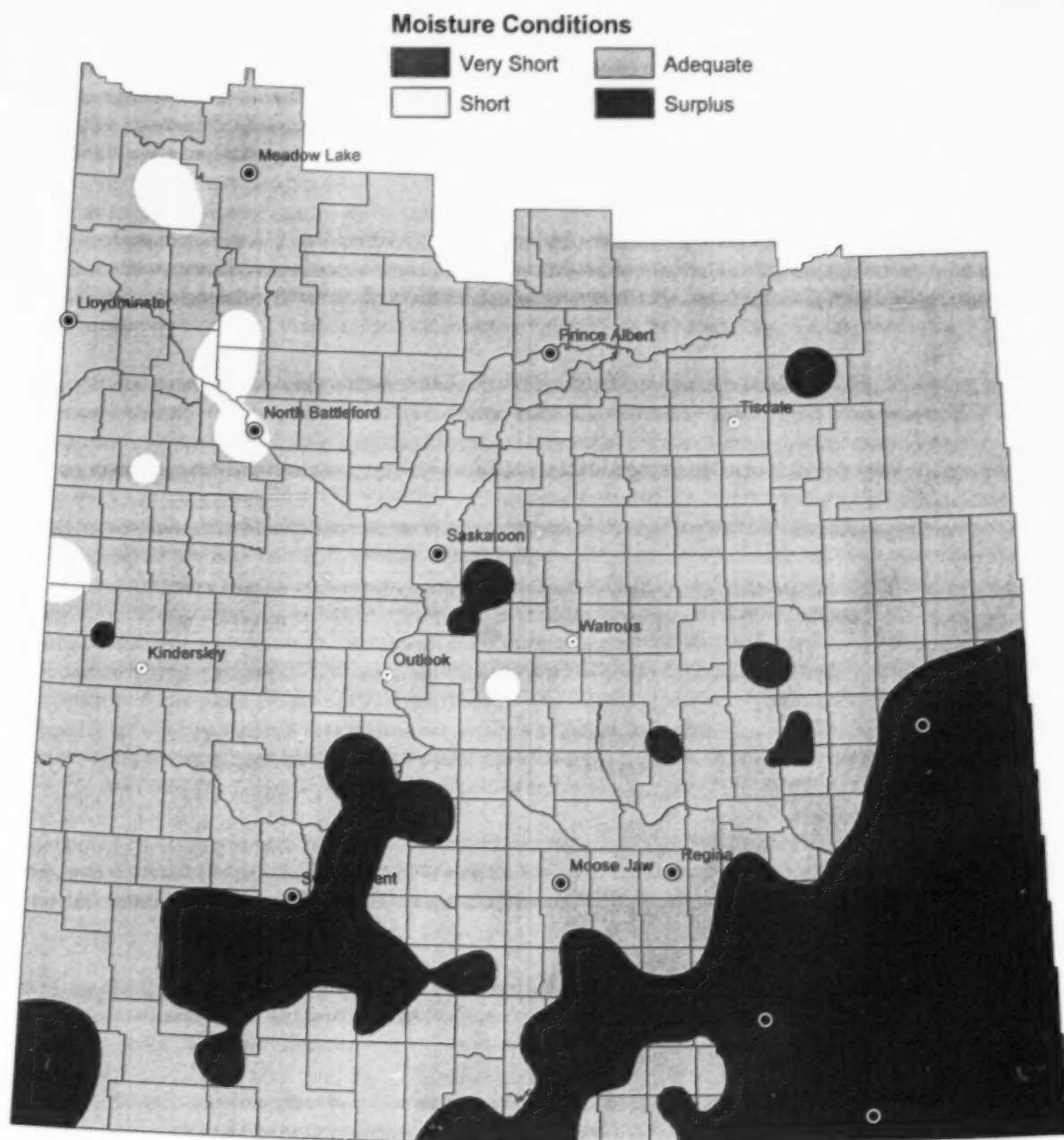
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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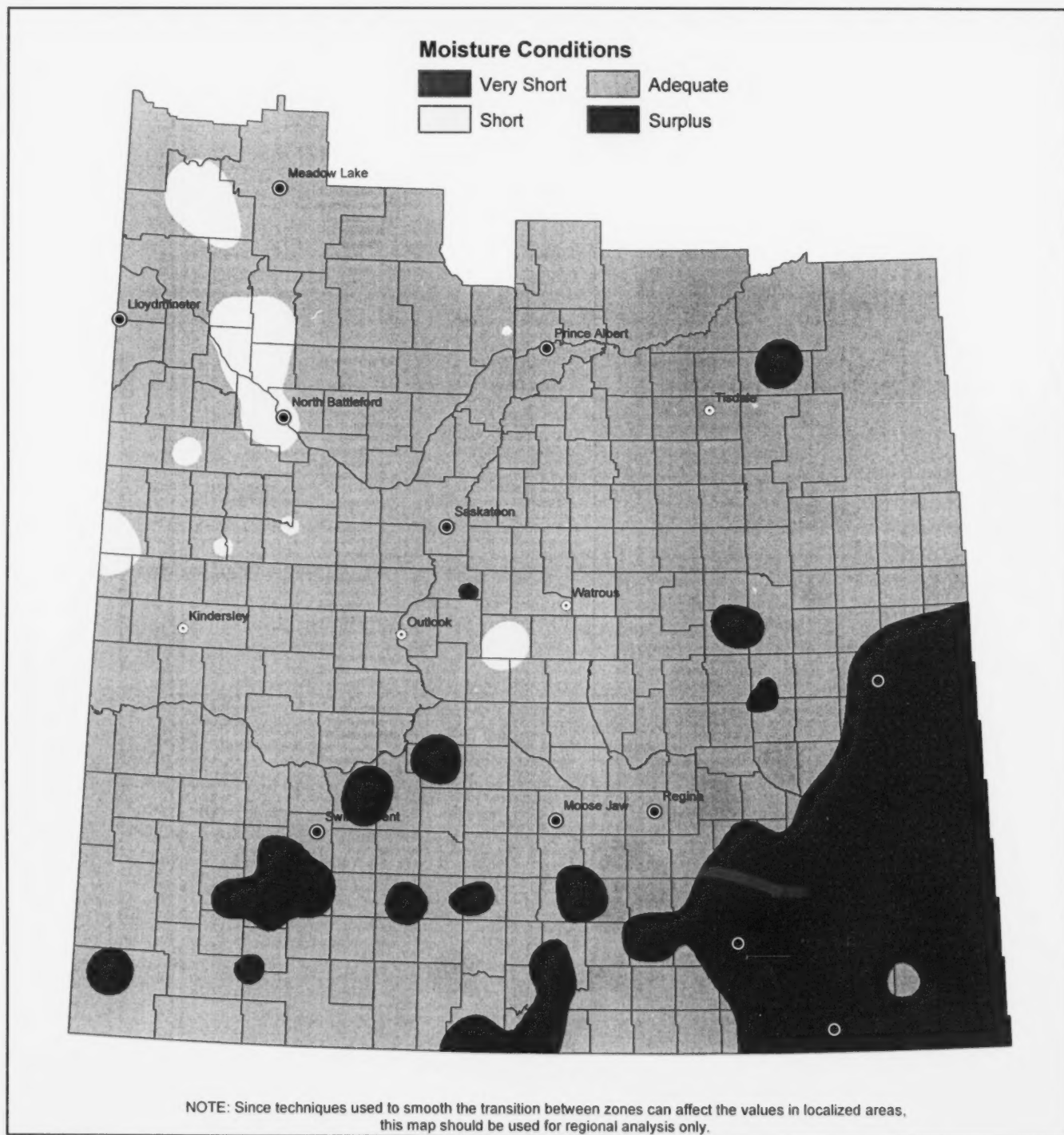


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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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